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I. Identification Data:

Reference Enclosure 1, Overlay of Blatt # 3060 (Rumanian), Scale 1:100,000, "Blaj si Mediasl", showing pinpoint location Mediasl Airfield.

Pt. # 1. Mediasl Airfield.

2. Tarnava Mare River: small stream forming north boundary of airfield.

3. Main Rail Line: single track, leading from Sighisoara N 46-12, E 24-48 west, through Mediasl, and continuing west to Blaj N 46-11, E 23-56. Same as Pt. 11, Encl. 2.

4. Main Road: leading east to Sighisoara and west to Blaj from Mediasl. According to Source this road paralleled the south boundary of the airfield and at this point was five to six meters wide with a gravel surface. Same as Pt. 10, Encl. 2.

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II. Site Layout:

Reference Enclosure 2, [] sketch of Mediasi Airfield. 50X1

Pt. # 1. Hangar Apron: Concrete. Source unable to estimate its dimensions but stated that it was slightly longer than building /Pt. 2/.

2. Hangar Building: 30 - 32 x 15 m., stuccoed brick, tin roof, and concrete floor. The hangar section occupied the center portion of building, had a large metal folding door on the north side, and a barrel-type tin roof, the height of which was approximately 10 m. The section adjacent to the east side of the hangar section contained the aircraft engine overhaul shop. The height of this section of the building was approximately six to seven meters. The section adjacent to the west side of hangar section contained the air frame repair shops. Height of this section approximately six to seven meters. [] approximately 10 aircraft in hangar section on one occasion. 50X1

3. Stuccoed Building: single story, 15 m. x 7-8 m., flat tin roof. According to Source, this building was also used for repair and overhaul of aircraft engines.

4. Gasoline Storage: approximate position indicated by broken line. According to Source, the large metal tank [] was 40-50 m. distant from building /Pt. 3/ and appeared to be 10 m. in diameter. Height could not be estimated. A sentry was observed in the vicinity of tank. No further information. 50X1

5. Residence Area: indicated by broken line contained an unknown number of two-story, stucco, tile-roofed houses which, according to Source, were living quarters for officers and families. No further information.

6. Building: 30 x 6 m., two-story, stucco, roof type and material unknown. Consisted of various offices, store-rooms, and an aircraft radio repair shop.

7. Entrance: width accommodated vehicular traffic. A sentry armed with a pistol was posted at entrance 24 hours a day. A small wooden barrack-type building, housing permanent guards for airfield, was located immediately inside entrance.

8. Aircraft Engine Test Block Building: concrete construction (eight by four meters) consisting of central room and test block room. Building situated three to four meters west of building /Pt. 2/.

9. Fence: five meters in height, wooden, topped with barbed wire along entire south border of airfield.

10. Road: /Same as Pt. 4, Encl. 1/.

11. Main Rail Line: /Same as Pt. 3, Encl. 1/.

12. Entrance: width accommodated vehicle entrance. Wooden gate. Pistol-armed sentry posted 24 hours a day.

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- # 13. Caserne Area: 500 m. north to south, 200 m. east to west. Area contained approximately eight two-story stuccoed buildings, one of which was the headquarters. The remainder of these buildings housed classrooms and dormitories for students. [redacted] the number of [redacted] 50X1 story, stuccoed buildings in the area but stated they were located in the northern half of area. These buildings contained the mess hall, dispensary, garages, arms storage and other storerooms. A garden area oriented north to south divided the buildings.
- # 14. Hangars: two, each 30-35 m. x 20-25 m. x 6-8 m., wood, wooden doors, barrel-type tar-papered roofs. Condition, poor. Appeared to be old buildings. [redacted] 10-50X1 12 aircraft in hangars. At no time did he see these aircraft being moved. He was unable to specify the type of aircraft, saying only that they appeared to be old models.
- # 15. Hangar Apron: concrete, dimensions unknown.
- # 16. Tarnava Mare River: [same as Pt. 2, Encl. 17].

III. Airfield Information:

Source stated that Mediasi Airfield was under control of the Rumanian Air Force and used as a training school for Rumanian Air Force mechanics and as an overhaul depot. He was unable to recall [redacted] assigned to this installation.

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The rectangular airfield was located adjacent to the NE border of Mediasi and estimated to be 1,600 m. east to west, 800 m. north to south. The most prominent landmarks were the highway and rail line leading west to Blaj and east to Sighisoara [Pts. 3 and 4, Encl. 17].

The sod surface was flat and considered to have poor drainage since it was located between areas of higher elevation to the north and south. There was no evidence of construction of runways or additional buildings during the time of Source's stay. Telephone poles leading along the road paralleling south border of airfield, trees (5-10 m. in height) along north and south borders, and building (two-story) in Mediasi were considered to be the only obstructions.

Source did not recall having seen radio antennae, telephone or telegraph central, weather station, or signaling devices at this field. Red and white wooden markers were observed outlining the landing area and leading from SW to NE. Repair work was conducted on air frames, aircraft engines, radio, props, and instruments.

Fuel storage [See Pt. 4, Encl. 27] capacity unknown. He believed electric and water source was the city of Mediasi. Weapons and ammunition storage located in caserne area [Pt. 13, Encl. 27].

The commander of the Tech School was a Lt. Colonel CIOCIOANU (description unknown) and a colonel (name and description unknown) 50X1 was in command of the repair depot.

[redacted] very little air traffic was observed during [redacted] installation. th: 50X1

Source estimated that there were 200-250 soldier students undergoing technical training at Mediasi; 50 to 70 soldiers permanently assigned in the housekeeping unit; 40 to 60 officers and non-coms. These figures apply to the aircraft technical training school at Mediasi. He was unable to give figures on those assigned at the overhaul depot.

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IV. Additional Information:

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The 25 students [] sent from Bucharest for practical training were quartered in the caserne area and wore Air Force uniforms which were donned in Bucharest prior to departure. The uniforms were issued at a caserne in the Cotroceni area of Bucharest, where the students were quartered for several days prior to departure for Mediasi. Upon returning to Bucharest the uniforms were turned in at the same caserne. (Additional information on this caserne is forthcoming.)

The group made the trip to Mediasi under the command of Lt. Col. Traian GAVRILIU, who remained with the group in Mediasi and returned to Bucharest at the same time. (Additional information on GAVRILIU below.) The group while at Mediasi was under the immediate command of Lt. Maj. SPANU. (Additional information concerning SPANU below.)

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[] training at Mediasi was conducted six days a week for the three-week period. The mornings were devoted to demonstrations of disassembling of aircraft engines and instruments, and demonstrations on fuselage, wing, and tail assembly repair. The students participated very little in the actual work. The afternoon hours were spent drilling and attending political lectures. A few hours were spent at a firing range south of the airfield. (A report on Source's knowledge of arms used in Rumanian armed forces is forthcoming.) One advance was made by the students through a smoke screen (without gas masks) but, other than this. Source received no chemical warfare training []

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V. Personalities:**ENCLOSURES:**

1. Overlay of Blatt # 3060 (Rumanian), Scale 1:100,000, "Blaj si Mediasi", Pinpoint Location Mediasi Airfield.
2. [] Sketch of Mediasi Airfield.

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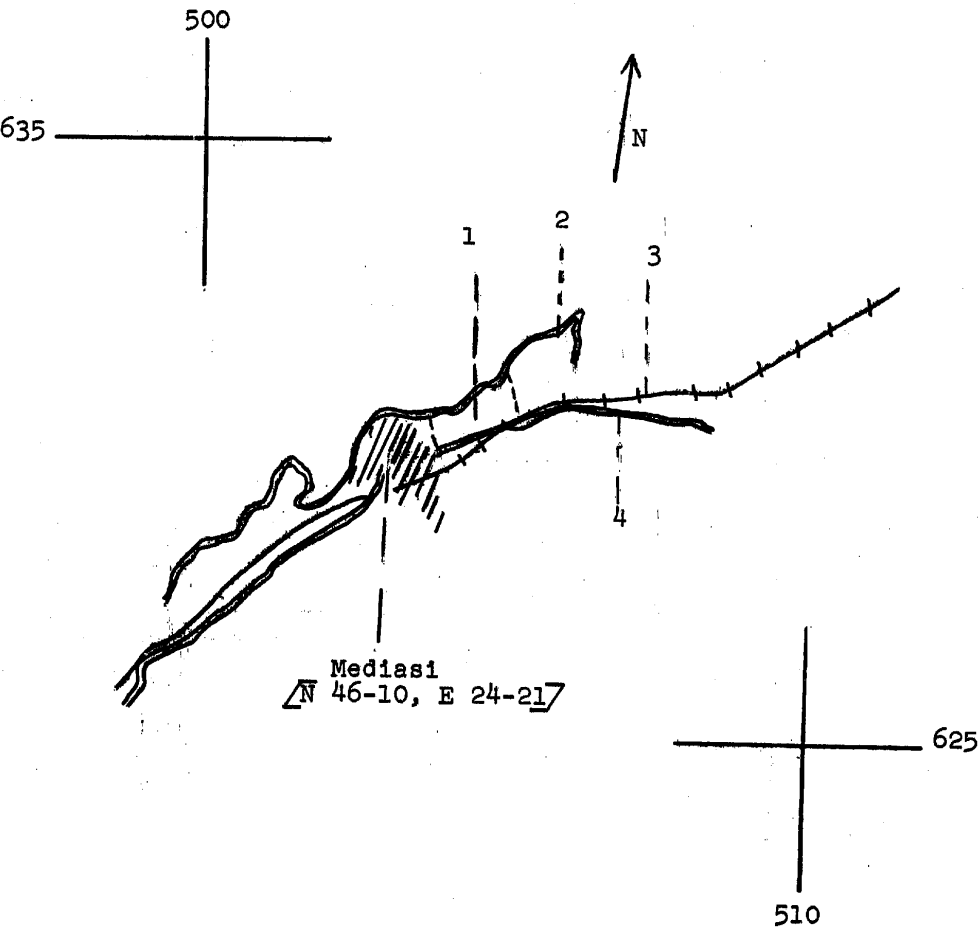
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ENCLOSURE 1:

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Pinpoint Location Medias Airfield



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ENCLOSURE 2:

Sketch of Mediasia Airfield

